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1. Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17);
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1);
3. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
4. PTO Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$950.00 for a three month Extension Of Time fee; and
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